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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action mailed 24 January 2003, Paper No. 21, for the subject patent application. Submitted herewith is a petition for a 3-month extension of time which sets the due date for response to 24 July 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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